

MINUTES

Members

Name	Present
Fr. John Evans	X
Mary Joyce	X
Debi Shuda	X
Butch Shuda	X
Mike Moriarty	X
Jean Meyer	X
Karen Kohlmeyer	X
Bill Fitzpatrick	X
Guest: Fr. Matt Wagner	X

Please wear a mask to the meeting.

Opening Prayer

1. Parish Finances

a. St. Mary's, Caledonia Subsidy

Fr. Matt Wagner and Fr. Evans discussed with parish council members the meeting between Fr. Evans, Fr. Wagner, Marsha Stenzel, Superintendent of Schools, Andrew Brannon, COO/CFO and Doug Harpenau, Principal Crucifixion School. In summery a Memo of Understanding (MOU) was drafted for both Pastors to agree upon. The MOU centered around the following issues; 1) the responsibility of parishes for the support of and participation in Catholic education for our children; 2) the financial ability of a parish to sustain itself; and 3) a school's responsibility to prudently plan for its sustainability through tuition, fundraising and parish subsidies.

Based on that discussion, the two pastors agreed that:

- 1) St. Mary's School will write off the \$22,750 amount due from St. Patrick's Parish.
- 2) St. Patrick's Parish will begin to pay a school subsidy to St. Mary's School for parish children who attend St. Mary's School. These amount will be as follows:
 - \$650 per student for the 2020-2021 school year
 - \$650 (or as mutually renegotiated) per student for school years thereafter

b. Ameriprise

Tim Gillespie, of Gillespie & Associates, La Crosse, WI was present to discuss long term and short term investment options for St. Patrick's. Parish Council could look at investing the cemetery's permanent care funds into a low risk portfolio and a longer term bond portfolio for a % of the current checking account balance. The intention for today's presentation is for Tim to present options for St. Patrick's to earn better interest in low risk and long term funds.

Discussion by council members were favorable and agreed that there is a need to look at these options and make a decision in the near future. Debi will check into the penalty on our current CD at New Albin State Bank for the Cemetery fund.

Motion by Mary to review financial statement from previous months for patterns and balances, seconded by Bill -- carried. Will review at scheduled meeting for further motions on investment options.

2. Parish Needs

- a. COVID-19 – Any updates – Fr. Evans NONE TO REPORT
- b. Red Lake Reservation Appeal – Mary Joyce **TABLED TO NEXT MEETING**

3. Buildings and Grounds

- a. Chimney repair
Quote from Vendor (vs. Time and Material)

Bill provided an update that he has not heard back from the gentleman from New Albin. If he cannot make contact with him this next week, he will look into Mr. Lemke who has a company in Waukon, IA.

ACTION: Bill will work on getting a quote from a vendor for the chimney repair work for 2020 and report back at next meeting.

b. Parking Lot Quotes

Butch received a Quote from B&D Seal coating at \$3,225 on 7.27.2020 (good for 30 days)

Bill F. was looking at the second quote from Strub Blacktopping

UPDATE: Bill had a quote from Strub Blacktopping for \$3,100.

Motion by Butch to go with Strub Blacktopping, seconded by Mary – carried. Bill will follow up with Strub Blacktopping to get the job done as soon as possible.

c. Tree Replacement

We have lost the big Pine tree in front of the Parish House and we will need to remove another tree next to the Hall due to rooting issues. Parish Council needs to consider replacing trees to keep the grounds looking good.

ACTION: Jean will contact Randy Mell to work with him on a replacement plan and options, with planting potential this Fall.

d. Fall Clean up

At this time having a Fall Clean up day may not be appropriate. A few items, such as a new roof on the cemetery garage and stone repair were identified. Also, the Hall drive thru needs to be power washed as well as, in the back of the church where mold is growing on the bricks.

Jean has started an Adopt a Section program for the rock gardens around the buildings (Church, Hall, House) to maintain the flowers and remove weeds. 80% of the sections have been taken by parishioners to maintain.

ACTION: Bill will check with Todd at Wieser Step and PreCast on stone repair work out at the cemetery. Bill will set up a walk through with Karen K. to attend as well.

4. Faith Formation

a. 2020 – 2021 Season of Generations of Faith

Decision to cancel

Debi reported that it was difficult to make the decision to cancel GOF for 2020-2021, however, there will be Youth Education Formation opportunities for those youth who do not attend catholic schools. Debi will be working on some ways to reach out to the families in the near future.

5. Closing Prayer/ Adjourn

6. **Next Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 6:00 pm.**

Agenda Items:

1. AmerPrise
2. School Subsidy Revenue generation ideas

Respectfully submitted and recorded by:

Jean Meyer, Chair/Recorder

Date

Fr. John L. Evans, II - Pastor

Date